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	[X]	Specification (including Abstract) and claims: 46 pages.							
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	[X]	Name of Assignee: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.							
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- [] herewith or [X] in prior application no. 10/179,747 filed June 24, 2002.
- [] Applicant(s), by its/their undersigned attorney, claim(s) Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27 as [] an Independent Inventor, or [] a Small Business Concern, or [] a Non-Profit Organization.
- [X] Preliminary Remarks.
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